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## August 2023 Newsletter Janesville United Methodist Church

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**Office Hours**  
**Tuesdays thru Thursdays**  
**7:30 am - 11:30 am**



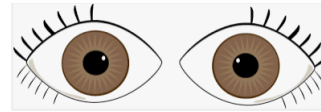
Reminder  
The JUMC Administrative Council  
will meet on August 8  
at 6:00 pm.



 **Dog Days**  
The dog days of summer  
Bring heat so very hot  
The sidewalks steam so scorching,  
I could fry an egg without a pot!  
The heat comes on so quickly  
But will leave so very soon  
And Fall will come with its cool, cold air  
So enjoy this dog day afternoon!

John Wesley quote:  
“Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can. “

## A Note from the Pastor



I came across a story about an experience that took place one afternoon in 1953 and the story got me to thinking about us in the church.

One day reporters and officials gathered at a Chicago railroad station to await the arrival of the 1952 Nobel Peace Prize winner.

When he stepped off the train they saw a giant of a man, six - feet - four, with bushy hair and a large mustache.

As the cameras flashed, the city officials approached with hands outstretched and began telling him how honored they were to meet him.

He thanked them politely and then, looking over their heads, asked if he could be excused for a moment. He walked through the crowd with quick strides until he reached the side of an elderly black woman who was struggling as she tried to carry two large suitcases.

When he got to her side, he picked up the bags in his big hands and, smiling, escorted the woman to a bus. As he helped her aboard, he wished her a safe journey.

Meanwhile, the crowd tagged along behind him. He turned to them and said, "Sorry to have kept you waiting." The man was Dr. Albert Schweitzer, the famous missionary-doctor, who had spent his life helping the poorest of the poor in Africa.

A member of the reception committee said to one of the reporters: "That's the first time I ever saw a sermon walking."

I wondered as I read this what sermons people see when they see me. I wondered what sermons people see us in the church preaching.

When I was young, I would go and spend some time in Desoto, Iowa with my grandparents. To this day, even though my grandmother died when I was 10, I still remember my grandmother saying to me "Be good because people are watching."

So of course, I was going to be good because I knew in the small town of Desoto, where several family members lived and everyone knew my grandparents, that someone would tell Grandma if I was not good, so I was, but maybe that is something for us to remember even today.

People do watch us and our town they do know things about us and some of what we do even if they don't know our name. Now, sometimes that is good and sometimes it is less than convenient but what it may mean is that our lives do become God's sermons to others.

So, I invite you to think about what do you preach with your actions? What do we, as a church, preach with our actions?

Think about it then let us join together in worship as together we live a sermon for others.

See you in worship

Pastor Laurie

## Volunteers for August

### Liturgists in August

August 6  
Kathy Whitney

August 13  
Barb Hamlyn

August 20  
Margaret Shepard

August 27  
Gary Shaulis

### Ushers in August

August 6  
Brad Ruth (or sub)

August 13  
Dick & Karen Funk

August 20  
Gene Robinson or Bob Barr

August 27  
Gary Shaulis



## August Anniversaries

Alex & Melinda Westendorf	8/3
Shawn & Jenifer Cooper	8/5/
Brad & Colette Ruth	8/5
Tim & Cindy Nisius	8/8
Justin & Nikki Shook	8/11
Bill & Nancy Bloker	8/14
Bret & Paula Wrage	8/14
Walt & Rita Ruth	8/20
Zach & Talere Miller	8/20
Dick & Karen Funk	8/23
Lyle & Jennifer Piper	8/24
Marvin & DeAnn Bliss	8/27
Mike & Deb Wienhold	8/30

## August Birthdays

Amy Shook	8/3
Bailey Carlisle	8/5
Sandra Johnson	8/5
Cody Bertram	8/5
Cory Bertram	8/5
Dee Ann Hinders	8/6
Gloria Freiling	8/6
Joe Kessel	8/6
Dan Brace	8/7
LaVonne Dorman	8/7
Margaret Shepard	8/7
Davis Kidder	8/9
Nikki Haan	8/10
Kaitlyn Brocka	8/11
Maranda Mills	8/11
Andi Marie Shook	8/11
Colleen Liming	8/12
Shannon Brocka	8/16
Hunter Destival	8/16
Steve Dobbs	8/16
Earl (Wil) Spencer	8/16
Jack Lockett	8/17
Markella Stratiou	8/17
Christian Heiser	8/17
Brandi Jans	8/18
Tyler Osborn	8/18
Lexi West	8/24
Tom Brickman	8/26
Kathleen Knapp	8/26
Barb Reid	8/26
Mickey Baker	8/26
Lee Ackerson	8/27
Tyler Robinson	8/27
Dalton Woodyard	8/27
Rylee Johnson	8/27
Anna Megan	8/28
Mike Megan	8/29
Angie Destival	8/29
Lynnley Barr	8/29
Michael Burkes	8/30
Vicki Fisher	8/30
Jacob Yochum	8/30
Andrew Heins	8/31



Please pray for our Shepherds and those who are served by them:

Flo Shepard  
Marlys Cook  
Carol Dix  
Georgia Eibey  
Marilyn Taylor  
Harriet Schares  
Lorraine Hallberg  
Lolita Huber  
Lavonne Dorman  
Char Brickman

Prayers for healing are requested for:

Colette Ruth  
Sandy Laube  
Pam MacKay  
Dave Beenblossom  
Tom & Char Brickman  
LaVonne Dorman  
Esther Folkerds  
Flo Shepard  
Dan & Wendy Brace  
Evelyn Turner  
Pastor Laurie

The Shepherds will meet on **August 8 at 9:30 am.**

Remember - everyone is invited to join the Shepherds to visit shut-ins. It is a rewarding experience for those who visit AND those who are visited!

**Sandy Laube's Address is:**

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Shell Rock, Iowa. 50670

**Esther Folkerds' Address is:**

Esther Folkerds  
#125  
528 N Kelly St  
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This month's special Craft Corner offering is this beautiful hand-quilted 60 X 90 orca whale and dolphin throw. The pictures are unique and the color is such a beautiful blue. It looks even better in person.

Come see it and make an offer.

Prices are negotiable.







## VBS 2023 was held at JUMC on July 16-19

Here are a few pictures of the fun!

Many THANKS to Emily Megan and Pastor Laurie for coordinating and to all the volunteers and parents who helped make this such a great time for the kids!





# JANESVILLE DAYS

Thurs-Sat

July 20-22

JUMC participated in the Janesville Days celebration!

JUMC served pie, ice cream, and fellowship for Janesville Days kick-off on Friday, July 21.

Pastor Laurie led Worship in the Park on **Sunday, July 23.**







## Luminary Display on Sunday, July 23

Our Luminary Display was a great success again this year! **\$1,830** was collected In Honor and In Memory of loved ones who have bravely faced or are facing cancer. This money will be donated to the American Cancer Society to help fight that battle.

**174** luminaries were on display, and **76** visitors came to see the display on Sunday night.

Many thanks to Jean & Melissa Eibey, Lisa Kiene, and everyone who helped, make this such a great success!

